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PRINTING PROBE BARS ARE DOWN

Appeal Court Decision in Rule
Case a Sweeping Victory
For the State.

ALL POINTS ARE SUSTAINED

Sensational Developments Expected
at Trials Which Are to Follow in
Near Future.

A sweeping decision was given in favor of the state in an opinion of the criminal court of appeals today written by Judge H. Doyle which reverses the ruling of District Judge John J. Carney of Oklahoma county in the state printing fraud prosecutions against J. M. Rule of Hobart.

The decision in addition to sustaining all the points of law contended for by the attorney general in the appeal of the state also throws down the bars for the admission of testimony in the trial of the three remaining cases against Rule which might involve persons higher up in case the state should prove its case.

The Charges.
Rule was charged by information on December 5, 1913 with grand larceny and with obtaining money under false pretenses. In connection with the first charge it was alleged that he secured a state warrant for \$1310.20 by fraud and stealth and in the second count it was alleged that he raised various items of printing claims procuring upon them \$1310.20 when the actual total of claims should have been \$820.40. It is alleged that he accomplished this by increasing the number of pages of house journals printed from 282 at \$1.10 a page to 710 at the same price.

These charges are alleged to have been made in the vouchers while they were passing through the hands of the officers of the legislature and the state printer whose duty it was to approve and check them and before they reached the hands of the state board of public affairs and auditor.

It was shown at the trial that Rule secured the contract for legislative printing for the 1911 session and that he sublet the contract for house printing to the Warden Printing company of this city.

Evidence Ruled Out.
When County Attorney Pope attempted to introduce records and books by the Warden Printing company as evidence that the original bills rendered were smaller than those collected upon by Rule, this evidence was ruled out by Judge Carney on the ground that it was not a part of the original transaction. The trial court also refused to admit evidence concerning any claims except that particular one involved in the information. Judge Carney also refused to permit a witness for the state to refresh his memory by referring to note books. The court instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty and following these directions the jury acquitted Rule.

All Points Involved.
Judge Doyle overrules Judge Carney on all these points. He holds that any alleged transaction, book, record or paper that might throw light on the case or tend to show concerted action to defraud the state may be admitted as evidence. The court also rules that the books of the Warden company which were kept in connection with the sub-contract may be brought into court.

While Rule cannot again be tried on the same charge of which he was acquitted this ruling of the criminal court of appeals throws down the bars at the trial of three other cases still pending against Rule in the district court and set for trial in Judge Clark's court within a few days.

Some sensational evidence as to how legislative printing claims, alleged to have been systematically raised, were approved by many state officials including the speaker of the house, house auditor, chairman of the printing committee, and state printer before reaching the state auditor, may be developed at the trials which are to follow.

The trial of Rule on one of the three charges still pending against him will begin in the district court before Judge Clark on next Friday. In view of the favorable opinion of the criminal court of appeals a vast amount of evidence probably will be admitted and the cases will doubtless go to the jury.

**INDIAN LAND LESSEES MEET
AND FORM ORGANIZATION**

Cyril, Ok., Dec. 12.—Lessees of Indian land here have organized and will begin at once a movement changing the plan of leasing Indian land. The association will propose a plan they think will be better than that in vogue, and this will be submitted to the Indian department of the federal government. It is the intention to organize all the Indian land lessees in Caddo county.

**SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS
INSIST UPON THEIR RIGHTS**

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regardless of the effect of the British naval victory in the South Atlantic, plans of the South American diplomats for a more effective assertion of the rights of neutrals in the present war are to be pursued by the special commission of Pan-American diplomats recently appointed.

STRONGER NERVES.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—There is published here today a speech made on December 3 by Emperor William at one of the army camps, composed of German and Austrian, which he visited on his recent trip to the eastern front.

ORDER AIDS BUSINESS

Suspension of Proposed Increase of Freight Rates Enables Oklahoma City Plants to Ship More Meat.

With the suspension of proposed increases in freight rates on fresh meats from Oklahoma to outside points by the Interstate commerce commission, announced from Washington, Oklahoma City packing plants will continue to enjoy a gradually increasing business under the present schedule. The suspension is extended to March 30, and in the meantime the Interstate commerce commission will make an investigation into the merit of the proposed increase. George Henshaw, one of the members of the Oklahoma commission, who has been consistent in his efforts to secure as low freight rates as possible for the packing houses of this city, was in Washington to protest against proposed increase. The announcement of the suspension followed.

HEAVY SNOW FALLING

White Blanket From Two to Four Inches in Depth Covers Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas.

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—The heaviest snow of the season fell in eastern Kansas and western Missouri today and at noon today from two to four inches covered the ground. The weather bureau said the snow would continue until Sunday morning and be followed by a drop in temperature. Rain fell in Oklahoma and Texas.

FORMER WEALTHY FLANDERS

RESIDENTS ASK FOR PROOF

London, Dec. 12.—"If somebody does not come to our aid God knows what will become of us" write two leading residents of Blankenbourg, West Flanders, in a pathetic appeal they presented to the representative at Rotterdam of the American commission for relief in Belgium.

These men were neglected to seek help on behalf of Hovet, Wenduyfne and several other communities as well as Blankenbourg, in all of which they say "the situation is so grave that if in the near future food does not arrive they will be plunged in blackest famine."

SHORT SEASON FOR GAMBLING

AT MONTE CARLO THIS YEAR

London, Dec. 12.—Because of the war, Monte Carlo is to have a limited season this year, opening some time in December. Formerly it was the custom to begin the gambling season on November 15, and long before then the frivolous world of sport and fashion had gathered here, and by December 31 was its height. Out of the 800 employees of the Casino nearly 300 are now serving France with the colors. The rest have been retained in the service of the company at temporarily reduced rates.

MIDST FLAHS AND CREPE

HE IS FOUND GUILTY

Columbus, Kan., Dec. 12.—While he sat in a chair decorated with American flags and black crepe John H. Ford, 56 years old, a farmer heard a jury bring in a verdict finding him guilty of the murder of his wife. Ford shot his wife last May after she had filed suit for divorce.

He begged to the judge to allow to decorate his chair and his plea was granted. Sentence was deferred.

POLICE WATCHING GREAT BIG

GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Col. Charles Alexander, a Providence millionaire, indicted here for violation of the Mann act, has been arrested in Providence, according to an announcement made by Charles F. Cline, district attorney. He is charged with transporting Miss Jessie Cope, of Los Angeles, Cal., from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Miss Cope is under the surveillance of Federal officers in Chicago, and it is reported the grand jury will consider charges of extortion said to have been made against her.

Colonel Alexander is a member of the firm of Alexander Bros., of Providence, and a director of the Canadian Steel company, according to a statement issued by District Attorney Cline.

Made Violent Love.

"Colonel Alexander met Miss Jessie E. Cope at a social gathering in Los Angeles two years ago," the statement said. "He explained after their first meeting that he would procure a divorce and marry her. Then he proceeded to make violent love to Miss Cope."

"The evidence of the girl shows she relied on his promise to marry her. At his suggestion, Miss Cope met him

Littlest of the London Scottish.



The London Scottish is the most popular of the British regiments in the war, and this photograph shows the littlest member. A soldier of the regiment who was wounded in Flanders returned and was placed in a London hospital. Soon he made friends with Willie, a little patient.

Willie became so important a figure in the hospital that someone procured him with a full uniform of the London Scottish, and he is seen daily parading about the hospital to the amusement of the patients. However, his best friend is the wounded soldier whom he would emulate.

EXCHANGE OPENS

GREATEST YEAR

TO LARGE CROWD

FOR FARMERS

Active Trading in Stocks Is Resumed in New York Market—Many Women Visitors.

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock exchange closed for nearly four and a half months except for a limited trading in bonds in the last two weeks reopened this morning for active trading in stocks.

Not for many years has there been such a throng of brokers on the floor as that which waited the signal to resume trading. There are 1100 members of the exchange and nearly 700 of these were on the floor. The visitors gallery was thronged, half of the visitors being women.

TO SEND COMPLAINTS

Corporation Commission Orders Telegraph Companies to Accept Messages Containing Complaints.

The corporation commission today issued an order directed to the Mackay, Postal and Western Union telegraph companies, following complaints that had been received by the commission. It was said that in some instances telegraph companies had refused to transmit messages containing complaints against an operator, especially if that operator was a railroad agent. The commission's order directs that all messages that have been offered and paid for, or their payment provided for, be sent without undue delay.

GIANTS IGNORES WARD LETTER CONCERNING "RUBE" CONTEST

New York, Dec. 12.—The New York National league club will make no reply to the letter from Robert Ward, president of the Brooklyn club, provided the Giants can show him they have a legal contract with Ward. The New York club takes the stand that Ward could not be returned to them as he never ceased to be under contract to the club.

MRS. SHARPLESS FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING WITH SWORD

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Charles Sharpless has been found guilty of first degree murder for the killing of her husband. The penalty under the law is life imprisonment. On the evening of Nov. 14 last, Sharpless was slain in their apartment with a jeweled lodge sword.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled and generally cloudy weather tonight and Sunday. Somewhat warmer tonight, changing to colder again Sunday afternoon or night.

7 a. m. 30
8 a. m. 20
9 a. m. 20
10 a. m. 20
11 a. m. 20
12 noon 20
1 p. m. 20
2 p. m. 20
3 p. m. 20

The western low pressure area has moved southward during the past twenty-four hours and is central over the upper Rio Grande valley this morning.

Under its influence, light precipitation has occurred in southern California, Nevada, Utah and western Colorado, and scattered and generally cloudy weather, with occasional snow flurries, has spread eastward over the southern Plains states.

Light snow has also fallen in the Ohio valley. The cold area has reached the Atlantic coast and falling weather is reported as far south as Jacksonville.

FRENCH COMPEL GERMANS TO RETIRE ACROSS CANAL LEAVING BRIDGE OF DEAD

MORE DAYLIGHT

Chicago, Dec. 12.—A plan to move the hands of the clock up one hour in order to gain one more hour of daylight parties early in the summer will be extended to the entire country if the Chicago association of commerce recommendation is taken by the United States chamber of commerce. The plan was approved by the executive committee of the association and presented to the national organization.

FIX SEED PRICE HE ASKS STATE

Chickasha Editor Believes Trust Is Controlling Price—West Refuses to Act.

An appeal has been made to Attorney General Charles West by W. D. Hargraves of Chickasha, associate editor of the Grady County Star, to file proceedings with the corporation commission asking that body to fix a minimum price on cotton seed similar to action taken by the commission on oil and ginning of cotton.

Hargraves stated that he had been unable to secure action from the corporation commission up to this time, but was referred to other state officials. Attorney General West declined to start a proceeding now, because he could not accomplish anything as attorney general within the short time remaining to him as an official, but he told Mr. Hargraves that he would gladly take up the case for him as a private attorney after he retired from office and attempt to secure relief without making any charge for his services.

Trust in State?

Hargraves believes that there is a cotton seed trust in the state and he has been making efforts to secure an investigation which would lead to the fixing of a higher price for that product. He told the attorney general that the price of cotton seed is unreasonably low in Oklahoma and he believes that the mills are in a combination to keep down the price.

Attorney General West has been asked by Hargraves for advice as to whether cotton gins can be compelled to refund for overcharges in ginning where lower rates have been put in by the corporation commission. The attorney general in a letter to Hargraves replied that where gins did business in connection with public service corporations the corporation commission could hear complaints of overcharges against them. Where they are private concerns actions might be sustained in the district court under the anti-trust act, where a monopoly of business was shown.

PETITION FOR A PAGE

All Democrats of House Rules Committee Vote Against Military Investigation Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country was voted down by the house rules committee by a straight party vote of five to three. All Democrats voted against it.

HIS DEMAND LOSES

If Boy Gets Legislative Job He Will Be Great Aid to Family, It Is Assured.

A petition started by Ed. S. Vaught is in circulation to obtain a position for Albert Linnett, 122 West Chickasha street as page in the legislature. The father of the boy was killed in the construction of the Lee-Huckins hotel and the mother is the only support of four children. The boy is fourteen years old, and according to petition backers is reliable and trustworthy. The boy's aid is greatly needed by the widowed mother and should he be appointed page the assistance will be material, it is said.

MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS KILLS

PROMISING FOOTBALL HOPE

Chicago, Dec. 12.—John Albert of Chicago, said by Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago to be the most promising football prospect he ever had seen, is dead at Battle Creek, Mich. Albert had lost weight steadily since reporting for the first practice game last fall and after taking part in the first four games of the season dropped out. Physicians were unable to diagnose Albert's ailment, it was announced.

Fighting Has Turned Against Kaiser's Armies in Both Eastern and Western Arenas According to French Official Declaration--Russians Resume Offensive and Teuton Columns Flee in Disorder--Kiel Barracks Burned.

Paris, Dec. 12.—It was officially announced today that the Germans have been forced to complete the evacuation of the west bank of the Yser canal, north of the house of the ferryman and that the French now occupy this bank. The German losses were great, the dead filling the canal where the crossings were made.

"In the Aisne region and the region of Nampoe our batteries have silenced the batteries of the enemy. North-east of Vailly, one German battery of howitzers was completely destroyed.

"In the region of Perthes and the forest of La Grurie, artillery engagements and infantry fighting has resulted advantageously to us.

"At Deuonnde we demolished two batteries of the enemy, blew up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches.

"In the eastern theater of war in the Mlaw region, violent German attacks were repulsed and the Russians again took the offensive. Columns of the enemy retired in disorder.

"North of Lowicz ferocious German attacks everywhere were repulsed with heavy losses for them.

"South of Gracow, the Russian offensive continued, despite stubborn resistance.

"Serbian armies which had reached Kolubara river, have crossed this stream between the Valjevo, and Junction of Ljld. They have occupied Lazarevatz.

"The number of prisoners taken by the Serbians in these recent engagements reaches 18,000."

COTTON LOANS NOW IN SIGHT

Plans For Oklahoma Money Being Rapidly Matured Says Banker Hogan.

Plans are rapidly being matured by the Oklahoma cotton loan committee to secure money from the \$125,000,000 bankers fund, according to D. W. Hogan, president of the American National bank of this city, a member of the committee.

Mr. Hogan is given supervision over fifteen counties lying mostly north and west of here. He is not appointing local committees in these counties who will handle the local details in connection with applications for loans.

Each member of the Oklahoma committee is given a district similar to the one assigned to Mr. Hogan and is making appointments of local committees. These must be approved by the cotton loan committee composed of representatives from various states, which meets in Washington Monday.

When these appointments are filed is approved each local committee will then be sent forms and instructions for procuring loans from the fund. These local committees will pass on all applications of farmers for loans, also upon the securities offered which in turn must be passed upon by the Oklahoma committee.

A. C. Trumbo, chairman of the Oklahoma committee left Thursday night for Washington, to represent Oklahoma at the meeting of the cotton loan committee.

QUESTIONS TO HOUSE

Lay Foundation for Probable Submission of Suffrage and Prohibition Amendments to Vote.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Yes and no voting in the house on special rules for the consideration of proposals to submit woman suffrage and prohibition questions for a constitutional amendment was assured by action of the rules committee today.

The prohibition question will be brought into the house December 22 and when it has been disposed of Woman's Suffrage will be taken up.

The rule for consideration of the Hobson constitutional amendment for nation wide prohibition was voted out unanimously by the committee.

MEXICANS INDICTED FOR FIBUSTERING—ARRESTED

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 12.—Federal officers at McAllen Texas, have arrested Arturo Margain and Emilio Tijerina, Mexicans indicted by the federal grand jury for violation of neutrality laws. They were members of an alleged filibustering expedition broken up by United States cavalry men in Hidalgo county.

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